

Saint Ambrose College Newsletter

22nd September 2017



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Message from the Principal

The last few weeks have seen a large number of natural disasters, earthquakes in Mexico City and Japan and hurricanes impacting on the US and the Caribbean. The impact and aftermath of events such as these is often devastating for the lives of children and young people. Over this weekend please encourage your sons to read the news and reflect on those who in recent weeks have had their lives turned upside down and families damaged.

During the course of the next week I will be sending a letter out to all parents about the use of mobile phones in College. We are going to move to a situation where the use of mobile phones at any time is prohibited unless expressly allowed by a member of staff. This will include break and lunch times.

Well done to the boys on a great fire test today, behaviour was exemplary.

Finally, thank you to all of you who took the time to attend the evening meetings that took place this week.

Peace is the beauty of life. It is sunshine. It is the smile of a child, the love of a mother, the joy of a father, the togetherness of a family. It is the advancement of man, the victory of a just cause, the triumph of truth.

Menachem Begin

J M Keulemans



St Ambrose College Macmillan Afternoon Tea

Every year in our area 13,645 people are given the unfortunate news that they have cancer. Shockingly, by 2030 it is estimated there will be more than 150,700 people living with cancer in Greater Manchester.

Following the success of the Macmillan coffee afternoon last year, we would like to continue our efforts to raise awareness and fundraise for this invaluable cause.

On Friday 6th October 2017 St Ambrose will be hosting an afternoon tea in aid of Macmillan's Biggest Coffee Morning! Between 14:00 and 15:30 you are invited to join us for a cup of tea and a slice of cake to support this wonderful cause.

Every pound we raise will help make sure that no one has to face cancer alone in Greater Manchester and across the UK.

If you would like to attend could you please RSVP to: office@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk by Wednesday 3rd October so we can make sure there are enough refreshments to go round!

We will be relying on donations of cakes from the school community so please get involved and support this wonderful cause.

Miss McCrory

Dates for the diary

23rd September
Entrance examination

4th October
5th year photographs

7th October
Scalextric Race Night

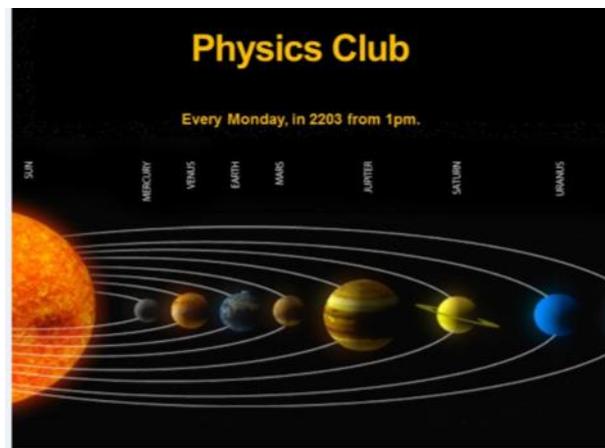
W/C 9th October
1st year retreat to Castlerigg

20th October
End of Term





Starts Monday 25th September
1pm
Drama Studio
1st & 2nd Years welcome



GCSE Chemistry **CLINIC**

Drop-in clinic in 2203
Wednesday lunchtimes from 1pm



- Feel that you've not grasped the current topic?
- Got a question you didn't ask in lessons?
- Struggling with your chemistry homework?

Bring your Chemistry based problems

Creative Arts trip to London

Students of GCSE & A-Level Music, Art & Drama went to London on 12 & 13 September and soaked up the cultural delights of the country's capital.

The visit included a meander through the contemporary art at the Tate Modern, followed by dinner in Covent Garden, whilst watching the street performers. Day one closed with a rousing performance from one of the West End's longest running shows, Les Miserables.

Day two began early with a walk along the South Bank and to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. Here students experienced a tour of the magnificent replica theatre, time in the exhibition and then a workshop with a Globe actor on Shakespeare's language, particularly in Macbeth.

The Music students enjoyed a classical concert at St James Church, whilst the Art and Drama students explored the backstage at the National Theatre before all re-joining at the British Museum.

The visit was an extremely successful and jam-packed two days. Thank you to all the students who attended, especially as behaviour was impeccable throughout.

Mrs M Bull

MUSIC SOCIETIES	
MONDAY	JAZZ BAND
TUESDAY	JUNIOR CHOIR
WEDNESDAY	SCHOOL OF ROCK
THURSDAY	SENIOR CHOIR
FRIDAY	ORCHESTRA

Interested in a Career in the Army



COME TO OUR ARMY OFFICER CLINICS
MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 1PM
WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 1PM
ROOM 1405

St Ambrose College
FIFA TOURNAMENT
 Commencing 1st October 2017
 £3 Entry fee
 1st place - £50, 2nd place £25, 3rd Place £10
 Proceeds go towards the 2018 Sierra Leone immersion

PlayStation XBOX ONE



Saint Ambrose Parents' Association

Scalextric Race Night— Saturday 7th October

Tickets for our first ever Scalextric Race Night are selling fast! However, we are short of helpers on the night, so if you can spare any time, please let us know as soon as possible at chair18@sapa.org.uk.

There will be two race sessions for College boys and their parents to enjoy – the first will start at 6.30pm, and the second at 8pm. There will be an 8-lane race track with computerised scoring and live commentary. Every racer will get the chance to race 8 times, with the fastest 8 going through to a thrilling final. A prize will be awarded to the fastest racer in each session.

Tickets are priced at £9 and are available to buy via Parentmail now. Anyone can race – boys, dads, mums, brothers or sisters, but there are a limited number of places so you will need to be quick to get your race seat. Don't be late on the night.....races will start promptly on time.

We will have hot food available to buy (hot dogs, burgers, fries, etc.), Krispy Kreme donuts, a pick and mix sweetie stall (at the Penny Pit Stop), soft drinks and a licensed bar. Spectators can watch for only £1, and we hope to film the races and project them onto a screen so you don't miss a second of the action.

Please visit the MiniRacing website (www.miniracing.com) for more information.

Our next second-hand uniform sale will be on October 9th between 6.30 and 7pm in the College.

Keep up with SAPA on:'

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/SAPAnews/>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/StAmbrosePA>

Website - www.sapa.org.uk

SAPA Chair

**SAPA Second-hand
Uniform Sale**
9th October 2017
Between 6.30pm & 7.30pm

Parentmail

Please sign up to Parentmail PMX to receive communication from school.

If you have already registered please ensure all personal information is accurate.

We are delighted that St. Ambrose College is supplying more young rugby players to the under 18 England training squad than any other school in the country.

This year Rugby First XV captain Ciaran Booth, an explosive Number Eight and terrier like scrum-half Raphael Quirke have been called into the England Rugby training process.

They will meet up again with their former school team mates, centre Connor Doherty and scrum half Tom Walsh, who played their rugby from Year 7 to 11 at St. Ambrose and last year were awarded sports scholarships by two of the region's leading independent schools.

Both Ciaran and Raphael are part of the Sale Sharks development system, with Ciaran previously playing at Manchester RUFC and Raphael at Broughton Park and it is that combination of excellence at both club and school which the young men feel has given them an advantage. Raphael, 16, who played for England under-16s last year in a 42 - 21 victory, said: "The coaching is fantastic at all age levels at St. Ambrose and we have some of the best facilities in the country, but it is also the influence of Sale that is important. I feel I have been closely monitored by the region's parent club and have benefitted from their coaching and lifestyle expertise."

Both young men want to become professional rugby players, though Raphael, famously in the mould of JPR Williams and Jamie Roberts, is also thinking about combining his rugby while studying Medicine.

Ciaran said: "I live and breathe rugby; train twice a day, take any opportunity to go the gymnasium and play as often as I can. I have been given a contract by Sale for next year and that's my one objective."

Mr Handy, Director of Sport, said: "We are lucky to have a string of hugely dedicated coaches at all age levels at St. Ambrose who give so much time to developing the boys from Year 7 onwards and it's great reward when you see them develop into young men with such outstanding potential. We work closely with Sale who have a fantastic pedigree of developing local talent."



Ciaran Booth, Raphael Quirke

Sports News

On Saturday 16th September we played Hutton Grammar School at 1st, 2nd Under U15A, U14A and U13A level with our U15B and U13B teams playing at home against Knutsford.

All teams enjoyed competitive fixtures with Senior sides running out comfortable winners scoring 50 plus points. The Closest games were against Knutsford U15s with our B team losing by one score to the Knutsford A side. The U14 side also lost a close game against Hutton. U15A, U13A and U13B all won by comfortable margins. On Wednesday 20th September we played against Altrincham Grammar School. Our 1st XV were very disappointing losing 12-43 in a very lacklustre performance. At 2nd XV we reversed our fortunes and were similarly successful at U15 and U13 age groups. U14 our side lost a closely contested game. U12 XV's A and B teams started their competitive fixtures with two 50 plus score lines.

This Saturday we host Kirkham Grammar School at 1st, 2nd and 3rd XV and U12 A and U12B.

Our U15 A, U15B, U14 A U14B, U13 A and U13B teams will travel to Kirkham, coaches will depart from the Bulls Head/Wicker Lane bus stop at 8.30am prompt. This is due to our entrance examination taking place and the congestion we anticipate. All support is much appreciated, and any help with refreshments at all weekend fixtures welcome.

Other Sports

Our Senior Football teams competed at Bolton School on Wednesday afternoon and recorded two impressive wins. At 1st X1 the side won 2-1 whilst at 2nd X1 the team were victors 6-2.

Hockey, swimming, cross country and basketball training continues to attract good numbers and Badminton on Wednesday and Thursday are now filling up courts over this time. We have also introduced table tennis during those days and the Sports Committee has just agreed to fund two further tables to ensure more active involvement.

In the pool increased numbers have joined our water polo sessions and boys need to constantly check notices to make sure they attend at the correct time.

Safety of Valuables

It is with great sadness that I have to report an outbreak of thefts from changing rooms at lunchtimes. Boys must take greater care not to leave bags open and ensure any money/phones/cards and passes etc are locked away in lockers. We took great care when designing the school to ensure each locker was equipped to hold bags and could be safely locked. Many boys will put bags inside lockers but fail to use padlocks to close the items away. Safeguarding does not allow staff to supervise changing and in these circumstances there is a large footfall of students wishing to use the changing rooms. Please reinforce this position to your son and question any that have been found with different phones extra money etc. It is not nice knowing we have thieves in our community but we must take away the opportunity for any despicable act.

N Handy, Director of Sport, mrnhandy@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

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St Ambrose Rugby Twitter Account;
[@StAmbroseRugby](https://twitter.com/StAmbroseRugby)

	HOME	
	U 18's 1st & 2nd team U16 A, U12A, U12B	
	St Ambrose College V's	
	Kirkham Grammar School	
	10.30am Kick off	
	(Students selected will have been advised of meet times)	

	AWAY	
	U15A, U15B, U14A, U14B, U13A, U13B	
	Kirkham Grammar School V's	
	St Ambrose College	
	10.30am Kick off	
	(Students selected will have been advised of meet times)	

School Sports Website
All fixtures for 2017/8 season have been uploaded onto the Schools sports web page. Please make sure your son is available for fixtures and aware of meet times. We will be setting up a Twitter account to inform about cancellations and meet times etc.

No dogs permitted on school premises



Helpful links:

- School office: office@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk
- Pastoral concerns e-mail: Pastoralsupport@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk
- Twitter: [@StAmbroseColl](https://twitter.com/StAmbroseColl)